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The construction of six blast furnaces has been finished at EKO, fuerstenberg, and Furnace Number 6 is now being built. Blast Furnace Number 1, which had only been in use for about one and one-half years, is already out of order, with defects of such proportion as to necessitate rebuilding from the ground up. The extremely short life of this furnace is unofficially attributed to faulty workmanship resulting from the high norms placed upon the workmen during construction.

2. Production in early December at EKO was 300 metric tons of pig iron per furnace per shift, or 900 metric tons per furnace per day and, with only four furnaces in operation, 3,600 metric tons of pig iron for EKO for every 24 hours in operation.
3. EKO's large Wermehalle, where iron ore was stored during the winter months, burned to the ground in late June or July; a new storage building is now under construction.
4. Small attempts at sabotage are frequently evident, but most of them are too crude or too patent to be successful. Most of these attempts are ascribed to very young workmen. It is common practice among the workmen not to report such sabotage attempts observed, but merely to correct the attempted damage and proceed with their work.

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